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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 13, 2003, entry and
consideration of the following amendments are remarks are requested.

The format of the present paper is submitted to comply with soon-to-be adopted
amended 37 CFR 1.121, and as permitted in the attached "Pre-OG Notice" dated
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Examination Policy. The format to the present Amendment is believed to be in
compliance with the attached and is submitted without prejudice. The Office is
requested to advise the undersigned in the event anything further is required to comply
with the attached "Pre-OG Notice", or any other applicable Rule, and allow time, without
penalty or prejudice, to provide any further or corrected item.